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1. The staff of the unit is divided into three groups:
 - a. The officers have three hours of political training weekly. One of the three hours is dedicated to instruction on international politics.
 - b. The sub-officers have five hours of political training weekly. One of the five hours deals with the subject of international politics.
 - c. The soldiers have eight hours of political training weekly.
2. The political training follows a pattern given out by the High Political Office of the army (part of the Ministry of the Armed Forces). The program is the same for all branches of the PRR Army.
3. The subject matter for courses and lectures is sent to the head officers of the political staff, who analyze it and forward it to the commissars of the smaller units.
4. The subjects of the courses are the following:
 - a. Dialectic materialism, especially Stalin's theories, rather than the classical Marxism.

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- (14) In addition to the theoretical courses mentioned above, seminars are held in which the same themes are debated.

5. Twice a week examinations on political training are given, in order to evaluate the political preparation of the men. The men are forced to attend the political courses and they have no interest in listening to the discussions and lectures. Recently, even the political officers show weariness and boredom in their tasks, as they face the total indifference of the soldiers and officers.
6. Only three to five percent of the men (members of the Communist Party) attend the courses and the seminars, but even these do so just to make a good name in the Party or for the purpose of being promoted or to receive a good job at the end of their military service.
7. The political officers, realizing the catastrophic results of the tests given at the end of the seminars or at the periodical yearly exams, give fake ratings to the men in order to hide their (the officers') failure to win over the masses to the Party line. It should be noted that the inspecting officers sent by the High Political Office of the army establish a tacit agreement with the unit's officers to hide the situation and to avoid complications. The political officers do this in order to avoid being fired as incompetent.

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